UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-v-

22-cr-352 (JSR)

JATIEK SMITH et al.,

ORDER

Defendants.

JED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.:

On January 11, 2024, pro se defendant Jatiek Smith submitted a motion, through his standby counsel, requesting a four-day release from pre-verdict detention in order to attend his daughter's sixteenth birthday party. On January 15, 2024, the Government submitted its response opposing Mr. Smith's request. Although the Court is sympathetic to Mr. Smith's wish to attend this familial occasion, the request must still be denied essentially for the reasons set forth in the Government's papers.

SO ORDERED.

New York, NY January (b), 2024

ED S. RAKOFF, U.S.D.J.